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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING, AUGUST 10, 1978

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF
TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFING.

SPOKESMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS OFFICE TODAY IS THE STATEMENT OF
RICHARD MOOSE BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE, SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA AND INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC POLICY AND TRADE.

ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE PRESS OFFICE IS THE BIOGRAPHY OF
MR. THOMAS BOYATT, WHO WILL BE SWORN IN TODAY AS THE
AMBASSADOR TO UPPER VOLTA.

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Q: IS THE SECRETARY CONSIDERING A TRIP TO AFRICA ON OR
ABOUT AUGUST 20? ON HIS MIDDLE EAST TRIP, WAS THERE SOME
CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO HIS GOING TO AFRICA AND EXTENDING
THE TRIP WHICH WE JUST CAME OFF?

A: NO, NOT ON THE MIDDLE EASTERN TRIP. THERE ARE NO
CURRENT PLANS FOR A SOUTHERN AFRICA TRIP. BY THAT YOU MEAN
RHODESIA?

Q: YES, THE RHODESIAN PART OF IT. IS HE BEING GIVEN
ADVICE WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER A TRIP LIKE
THAT ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 20?

A: I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO INTO THE QUESTION OF ADVICE.
WE HAVE SAID ALL ALONG THAT WE WANT AN ALL-PARTIES CONFER-
ENCE. THAT ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE HAS BEEN AGREED ON IN
THE PAST BY THE TWO MAJOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT, AS THEY DID WHEN WE WERE IN TANZANIA.
THOSE WHO HAVE NOT AGREED TO IT SO FAR HAVE BEEN THE
LEADERS OF THE SALISBURY GOVERNMENT. THE POSSIBILITY OF
SUCH A CONFERENCE THEREFORE, AND THE PROBABILITY OF SUCH

A CONFERENCE, RESTS, AT THIS POINT IN OUR VIEW, LARGELY UPON DECISIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE TAKEN BY THE SALISBURY GOVERNMENT. I AM NOT AWARE AT THIS POINT OF SUCH A DECISION BEING TAKEN.

Q: DOES THE SECRETARY THINK IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO GO TO SOUTHERN AFRICA TO URGE THE GOVERNMENT IN SALISBURY TO ATTEND THAT ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE?

A: THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION IS NO. VANCE

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